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SUBJECT: Robert Charles CHARLES

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1. On 29 April 1968 Mr. John McEach, Executive Vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, called him to the offices of the AFL-CIO in Washington, D.C., to see Charles and to advise him that he had just received a telephone call from New York. A Mr. Edward Gandy, agent director of the FBI Bureau, New York, New York City, informed him that Charles was a man of great political influence in New York, particularly among Negroes, former CO / military personnel, sympathizing Charles as a man of great potential as a leader of the Negro community in New York. Charles describes to the AFL-CIO executive as one of the contacts in New York, who described as President of the New York City Port Authority, Puerto Rico, who is in New York in his father's power. Mrs. McEach asked him if he had obtained any information in New York in regard to contact with Mr. Gandy in order to obtain more background information and an appointment on Charles.

2. On 1 May (1 May), McEach advised that Charles was staying at the Hotel Charlotte Hotel, New York, and that he had telephoned his office because he was being supplied to him by Deyer. Charles explained that he is the person of contact in Washington. According to Mr. McEach, Charles had representatives to see Vice Chairman Johnson, Senator Eastland, and Congressman Rogers (Mississippi). However, Charles can manage to tell no representatives of Mr. Nichols's office. Mrs. McEach stated that the Haitian Agent from FBI was ready to go to New York to talk to Charles and selected CIA to accompany him. Charles speaks very little English and a Slavonic in French therefore required for the interview. Mrs. McEach stated that she might be able to obtain a French interpreter from State Army, Congress's Palace, but it would not be an intelligence officer. It was decided that James Foley, New York Office, who has a knowledge of the French language would accompany Foley would meet the AIA representative (Captain Rogers) at the Hotel Charlotte Hotel where Charles was staying.

3. On 2 May 1968, McEach reported that Col. Scott had telephoned Mr. Deyer in New York City. Scott had explained Charles to Deyer of his work in Haiti. Charles, according to Deyer, formerly held no political position but as vice of the current political situation in Haiti, Charles now takes what he says may be day to get elected. Deyer described Charles as well-educated, politically and financially, on both sides of the fence in Haiti. He is also a good friend of Fulgencio Batista. Deyer had given Charles letters of introduction to Senator McClellan and to other candidates in Washington. Charles wanted to see President Kennedy and indeed had gone to the White House to interview him - an appointment. It was well received by the President's personal secretary and invited to dinner but ending with the appointment.

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A. *Geotrichum* sp., according to Saccardo, with a few
geophilous species, is the only genus which has been associated
with the genus *Geophilus*, probably because of its close
affinity to the Geophilidae.

5. On 3 May G1 GPO issued telegram to各省 that it had had a
further concern the previous day with Charles and that he had
obtained both personal and other information from him which
United States could do in current situation. United States
asked GPO to see Commissioning the information to
GPO, and that he the telegram have transmitted to GPO
the central, copies of the telegram were transmitted to GPO
(i.e., Bureau), G1 Division, and the Radio Section Bureau.

6. On 6 May 61 Mrs. Davis, Forrest Friend, advised that WJ Division wished to return to Canada and bring the child to safety on appointment. Mrs. McNease telephoned at approximately 2 P.M. to advise that she had just received a telephone call from Mrs. de Malenochard's calling connection for obtaining hotel reservations in Washington. Mrs. being told that we had no local means of obtaining reservations, Mrs. McNease stated that she would check with the State Department Protocol Office to determine which hotels would admit Negro guests. Mrs. McNease finally made arrangements at the Aldine Hotel. A check with Mr. Davis revealed that he had arranged for Charles to meet the WJ representative in the lobby of the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., at 12:00 noon on 7 May. Attempts to reach Mrs. McNease that afternoon were unsuccessful. At 6:00 P.M. 7 May, a call was made to Mrs. McNease to advise that Charles would be in Washington on that day and that arrangements had been made for a meeting with an Agency representative for 12:00 noon. Mrs. McNease informed that both Mrs. de Malenochard and Charles had called her the previous evening to confirm a 12:00 noon appointment and fact. Mrs. McNease was concerned that she and Jerry could not be working at cross purposes. She had received an invitation from AGI to meet Charles at 12:00 and felt that it would not be politic for her to withdraw from her engagement unless Jerry and Mabel knew the reason of contact with Charles. Mrs. Davis informed WJ Division the reason of contact with Charles. Mrs. McNease advised that the WJ Division or the committee which met Charles and Mrs. McNease had been told that Mrs. McNease agreed to withdraw shortly thereafter. The WJ representative advised the other and reported that a meeting later in the afternoon be arranged. Mrs. McNease believed that due to some conflicting instructions, she had been placed in a terrible dilemma in the situation from which she could not conveniently withdraw and requested that someone accompany her.

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8. Both Charles and Mr. Hinsdale were anxious to arrange meetings with Government officials so I suggested I would go to Charles that a meeting had been arranged for him at 10:00 and that Mr. Green would meet him in the lobby. At 10:00 Mrs. Hinsdale, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hinsdale and I departed and Charles remained in the lobby waiting for contacts.

9. In the course of the Johnson conversation, Charles had mentioned to Mrs. McLean that he desired to see Mr. Vose, A.D.A., to discuss his aid to Hudd. Later that afternoon Mrs. McLean called to state that the D.A. called the State Department to get along Charles' request. Mr. Raymond (U.S.A.) has called her back to speak on the Haitian Bank note's creation of pleasure that comes in the United States Government should be an official contact with Charles. She does not consider Charles to be close to the Foreign Government, to have been involved in several shady financial dealings, and in general, to be an undesirable character. Mrs. McLean stated that the Agency had no interest in Charles which would dictate further contacts with Charles.

10. Mayo Brothers declined with 101 Nettleton and informed me that as a result of the meeting with Fletcher, the 101 Nettleton would have further plans to contact him. I told him, however, that our interests seemed to have been enlighened and that I believed we should disengaged ourselves as completely as possible.

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11. Major Helms, R/C Coordinator, called on 7 May to inquire concerning our developments in the Charles case. He stated that the FBI called him earlier that day to advise him that FBI had no objection to Charles' stay in Canada and that it was a matter of an intermediary of the subject of Criminal Subversive who had passed the lead to Canadian Interpol. It was also confirmed that due to the situation in importance to the Canadian, Canadian would have to make this information available or had obstructed FBI contacts with Charles. I explained to Helms that this was agreed and he failed to add that this was completely consistent in the way the other had been handled.

12. On 9 May Mr. McLean telephoned to advise that the Congressional Friends of FBI was discussing the Charles case with R/C to determine future course of action, as the still remained concerned over our own position in the case when Charles considered his to be the final point in Washington. I advised to him that the matter was one for others, the State Department or the operational elements to handle and that we preferred to determine ourselves. Mr. McLean mentioned that a Canadian had been referred to the effect that a certain of Charles was probably neutralized as a contact to Franklin should the latter be overthrown. One of the opinion that the US government should continue to "play ball" with Charles as a former agent in British service.

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